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## 08/21/2013 Minutes

Minutes for the ABAC meeting of August 21, 2013  
 Approved October 16, 2013

Board members attending were Ron Sender, Jack Johnson, Scott Smith, Stephan Miller and Phil Goff. Christopher Tonkin and Doug Greenfield were absent. Also present were Joey Glushko and Lynne Baer.

Introductions were made all around.

\*Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting. The minutes of the June meeting were approved after amendments were made.

Reports on projects in progress.

Bicycle accommodation as roads are repaved.~ Scott showed us a map of Mass Ave. from Jason/Mill to the Lexington line.~ He and Phil have been working with DPW to study the pros/cons of different bicycle accommodations, with an eye towards providing bike lanes where possible.~ They told us that there is not room for bike lanes along the entire length so Scott asked if we approve of discontinuous bike lanes. Phil added that there are significant stretches that are wide enough for bike lanes. We discussed, at length, the advisability of discontinuous bike lanes. We decided that alternating bike lane in wide sections of the road is preferable to 16-foot travel lanes with sharrows. Ron asked if there is value in having a bike lane on one side of the road and sharrows on the other where the width of the road permits. Phil answered that that may be a good solution in a few sections and that we should consider doing that.

TAC Report—Mass Ave. Corridor Project. Phil told us that the project is moving along slowly. The deadline for submission for bidding is September 14. The Federal Highway Administration is asking for a lot of information but he thinks that the deadline will probably be met.

CLAMP Project. Scott told us that MassDOT has pushed back on our latest design for the Center crossing of the Bikeway. There are negotiations going on to increase the number of parking spaces on Swan Place which would allow the elimination of the same number of spaces on Mass. Ave. This in turn will allow more space on Mass. Ave. for bike lanes which should improve the acceptability of the design.

Bikeway Usage Guidelines. We did some final revisions of the Guidelines including some discussion of the proper title for the document. Joey will make the corrections and submit the Guidelines to the appropriate authorities.

Town Day. We discussed the logistics of the ABAC booth at Town Day and the handouts we would like to have on hand. The handouts include the ABAC information sheet, the new Bikeway Brochure, the Police Safety Brochure, guidelines for using the Bikeway, and a sign-up sheet for the email list. Joey asked whether Christopher has yet looked into the merchandise we were planning on giving away at the booth such as arm and leg bands. None of us knew the status of this topic. Jack added that we might be able to get some arm and leg bands from MassDOT.

Bikeway User Counts. Several of us volunteered to fill in the last slots for September's state-wide bike counts. Phil informed us that EALS is also doing bike counts in several locations on the Bikeway and Mass. Ave. in September. Scott told us that TAC is also contemplating counts to monitor the function of the new flashers on the Bikeway crossing at Mill St.

Other topics. Phil and Scott briefly updated us on efforts to make the Mystic River Parkway/Medford Street rotary more bicycle and pedestrian friendly.

We tabled the effort to extend the hours of use of the Bikeway until next year.

We talked about the topic of children riding their bicycles on the sidewalk. Phil suggested that we might support allowing children under 12 to ride their bicycles on the sidewalks outside of business districts. We discussed this topic further including the various legal aspects. Phil felt that this topic warrants some ongoing attention. Joey suggested that we do a survey on this topic at Town Day.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:32 pm.

\*Notes that a vote of the board was taken.

Minutes submitted by Stephan Miller.